

REMARKS

The Applicants hereby offer to surrender U.S. Patent No. 6,024,902 upon allowance of the reissue application.

STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT

FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS UNDER 37 CFR 1.173 (c)

Claims 1-105 are now pending in the reissue application. Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-17 have been amended and claims 19-105 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments. Claims 2, 10 and 18 have been reproduced for the convenience of the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of claims is respectfully requested. Please make the following amendments to the specification and claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,024,902.

By the preliminary amendment, claim 1 has been amended to broaden its scope. The article of manufacture as recited in now amended claim 1 finds support in the specification at, *inter alia*, col. 19 line 60 through col. 20 line 52. Claims 3-5 have been amended in a way, which is consistent with amended claim 1. Claims 6-9 have been amended to correct typographical errors and make these claims consistent with amended claim 1 from which they depend. Claims 11-17 have been amended to correct typographical errors and make the claims consistent with amended claim 1 from which they depend either directly or indirectly. The term "alcohol" has been deleted from claim 12. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at col. 20, lines 53-55. The claims have been amended in a way believed to broaden the their scope. The claims

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are not believed to be narrowing or made as a result of statutory requirements imposed on the claims.

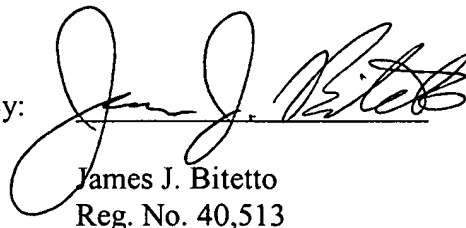
Claims 19-26 and 49-56 find support in the specification at least at col. 19, line 60 through col. 20, line 60 (FIGS. 3, 3A, 3C and 3D). Claims 27, 28, 57 and 58 find support in the specification at least at col. 8 lines 30-38, and col. 23 lines 1-8 (FIGS. 1A). Claims 30-31, 34-37, and 41-48 find support in the specification at least at col. 7 lines 1-63 and claims 29, 30, 59, 78 and 101 find support at least at col. 15 lines 58-65. Additionally, claims 60-77 and 79-82 and claims 83-100 and 102-105 find support in the specification at least at col. 19, line 1 to col. 24, line 43 (FIGS. 4B, 4C and 4D). It is therefore respectfully submitted that all claims now pending in the case are supported by the specification and drawings.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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